



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: McAbee et al.
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SEVERING ELONGATED
MATERIAL
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicants submit the following Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2004. Applicant has filed herewith a request for a one month extension of time, extending the period for response to July 15, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.